

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to reconsider, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: We have reconsidered the vote. We are back to the return to Select File. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is on.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I had my light on but I punched it off last time so that Senator Pedersen could get to a vote quickly, but I did want to make one comment for the record. It's a comment that actually I got to thinking about after Senator Crosby spoke, and by the way, LaVon, I thought your speech was right on target, that our votes are going to be, as far as spending, has not been on the appropriations bill, but it is going to be on the A bills as we go forward later on, but whenever you add people, don't sit here thinking that we are going to put a cap at 50,000 and that will be it. If that fund stays constant at about 180,000, next year or the year after that, they will be in collective bargaining, then you are going to have some type of increase for that, and it won't be a separate bill that will come in. It will be simply done through the negotiations, through the Appropriations Committee, and it will just be done, and it will eat away at those dollars. And at some point, again if those dollars stay relatively constant or reduce,...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I apologize. Thank you very much. Time has run on the bill. Mr. Clerk, next item on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some items, please.

SENATOR HALL: Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined engrossed LB 392 and find the same correctly engrossed; LB 394, and LB 325A. Senator Wesely, amendments to be printed to LB 371; Senator Beutler to LB 559. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 2416-26 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now move to item 9 on the agenda.